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**Revised Associate Power of Attorney Practice - 37 CFR 1.32**  
(Applies to Associate Powers of Attorney filed on or after June 25, 2004)

This is in response to the Associate Power of Attorney, filed 9/24/2004, which was on or after June 25, 2004, the effective date of a rule change eliminating Associate Power of Attorney practice (37 CFR 1.34(b) was eliminated). See Revision of Power of Attorney and Assignment Practice, 69 Fed. Reg. 29865 (May 26, 2004); 1283 Off. Gaz. 148 (Jun. 22, 2004).

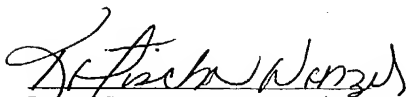
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- (3) sign a terminal disclaimer, and
- (4) sign a power to inspect.

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For additional information regarding the elimination of Associate Power of Attorney practice, see the questions and answers posted at:  
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